

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

NOAH J. HOPKINS,)
Petitioner,)
v.) Case No. 4:14 CV 2058 RWS
JAY CASSADY,)
Respondent.)

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before me on the petition for writ of habeas corpus filed by Petitioner Noah J. Hopkins. I referred this matter to United States Magistrate Judge Nannette Baker for a report and recommendation on all dispositive matters pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). On November 21, 2017, Judge Baker filed her recommendation that Hopkins' habeas petition should be denied.

Objections to Judge Baker's Report and Recommendation were due to be filed by December 5, 2017. As of the date of this order, Hopkins has not filed any objection to the Report and Recommendation. After careful consideration, I will adopt and sustain the thorough reasoning of Judge Baker's report and I will deny Hopkins' habeas petition for the reasons stated in the Report and Recommendation dated November 21, 2017.

I have also considered whether to issue a certificate of appealability. To grant

a certificate of appealability, the Court must find a substantial showing of the denial of a federal constitutional right. See Tiedeman v. Benson, 122 F.3d 518, 522 (8th Cir. 1997). A substantial showing is a showing that issues are debatable among reasonable jurists, a court could resolve the issues differently, or the issues deserve further proceedings. Cox v. Norris, 133 F.3d 565, 569 (8th Cir. 1997) (citing Flieger v. Delo, 16 F.3d 878, 882-83 (8th Cir. 1994)). Because petitioner has not made such a showing in this case, I will not issue a certificate of appealability.

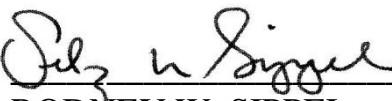
Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Judge Baker's Report and Recommendation filed on November 21, 2017 is adopted and sustained in its entirety.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner Noah J. Hopkins' Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus is **DENIED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court will not issue a certificate of appealability.

A separate Judgment in accordance with this Memorandum and Order is entered this same date.



RODNEY W. SIPPEL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 15th day of December, 2017.